

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY BERLIN  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4554  
INFO AMEMBASSY BONN  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L BERLIN 5779

DEPT. FOR EUR/CE AND SCA

E.O.11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, CSCE, CGEN, GE, GW, US  
SUBJECT: REPORTED ARREST OF GDR DISSIDENT.

REF: A) STATE 086088, B) WOLF-BUCHE TELECON4/18/88,  
C) STATE 078328, D) BERLIN 5676

1. EMBASSY VERY RECENTLY RECEIVED LETTER FROM WEST BERLIN  
BRANCH OF FRANKFURT-BASED FRG SOCIETY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS  
ADDRESSED TO PRESIDENT CARTER, TRANSMITTING A LETTER FROM  
HELLMUTH NITSCHE WITH ENCLOSURES IN THE FORM OF ESSAYS ON  
VARIOUS ASPECTS OF HUMAN RIGHTS. IN 1976, NITSCHE, WHO CLAIMS  
OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC BACKGROUN, AND WHO COMPLAINS THAT HE  
HAS HAD TO WORK AS A VOCATIONAL SCHOOL TEACHER SINCE 1971,  
APPLIED IN 1976 FOR " RELEASE FROM GDR CITIZENSHIP" WITH HIS  
WIFE AND CHILDREN. BOTH HE AND HIS WIFE THEN LOST THEIR  
TEACHING POSITIONS. EMBASSY HAS JUST SEEN APRIL 14 REPORT ON  
NITSCHE'S ARREST, WHICH APPREARED IN THE WEST BERLIN PRESS  
RECENTLY.

2. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, WE HAVE RELUCTANTLY FOUND IT  
NECESSARY TO CONFINE OUR ANSWERS IN SUCH CASES WHERE  
THERE IS NO SPECIFIC US CONNECTION TO RESPONSES ALONG  
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THE LINES SUGGESTED IN THE MEISSNER CASE ( SEE PARA 2.,  
REF. C)

3. AS THE LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL OF THE NITSCHE PAPERS  
STEMPS FROM AN FRG-BASED ORGANIZATION ( ALBEIT THE WEST  
BERLIN BRANCH), EMBASSY IS ROUTING THE DOCUMENT TO  
EMBASSY BONN, TOGETHER WITH A SAMPLE OF THE LANGUAGE WE

USE IN DEALING WITH SUCH CASES, FOR THEIR DISPOSITION.  
A COPY OF THE NITSCHE DOCUMENT WILL ALSO BE SENT TO THE DEPARTMENT  
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